

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 414/416, State Capitol
Monday, February 2, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair
Sen. Dave Thomas
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Ann W. Hardy
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mike Dmitrich

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Bethany Brady, Committee Secretary

Chair Eastman called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm.

Department of Transportation

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, reported that the current Transportation Fund revenue estimate for FY2005 is \$400,400,000. This estimate may change with final revenue estimates for FY2005 due on February 17, 2004.

John Njord and Chuck Larsen from the Department of Transportation responded to the Analyst's recommendations and took questions from the committee. They discussed the elimination of 98 FTEs and the reduction of five million dollars in the Department's overhead. They presented the committee with a Budget Redistribution Recap.

Department of Transportation--Aeronautics

The Analyst recommended \$31,501,400 for the Aeronautics FY05 budget with 11 FTE positions.

The Analyst recommended a one-time increase of \$500,000 in FY05 from the Transportation Restricted-Aeronautics Account for the Local Airport Improvement Program.

An appropriation of \$444,600 with 5 FTE positions is recommended for the Administration of

the Division of Aeronautics.

The Airport Construction budget for FY05 is recommended at \$24,036,100.

The Analyst recommended a FY05 appropriations of \$75,000 for the Civil Air Patrol.

The amount of \$6,240,000 is recommended to be appropriated for Aid to Local Airports in FY05.

The Analyst recommended a FY05 budget for Airplane Operations of \$705,700. This amount includes 6 FTE positions--one less than FY2004.

Department of Transportation-- Mineral Lease

The Analyst recommended a FY05 budget for Mineral Lease/Payment in Lieu at \$17,269,000.

The Analyst recommended that \$14,800,000 be appropriated from the Mineral Lease Account to the Mineral Lease Program for FY05. He also recommended that the following intent language be included in the appropriation for Mineral Lease:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways not on the State Highway System that have been heavily impacted by energy development. It is also the intent of the Legislature that private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources be encouraged to participate in the construction of highways leading to their facilities.

The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways that are not on the State Highway System are nonlapsing.

An appropriation of \$2,469, 000 to the Payment in Lieu program was recommended for FY05. The acreage that is required to be considered under this statute for FY05 is 4,748,077 acres.

Department of Transportation-- Sidewalk Construction

The Analyst recommended that \$500,000 be appropriated to the Sidewalk Construction program for FY05. It was also recommended that the following intent language be included with the appropriation:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah Code Annotated,

1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse.

If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will then be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources.

It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75 state/25 local match basis.

A list of Approved Projects for Utilization of Unexpected Sidewalk Funds, FY04 was presented to the committee.

John Njord, DOT, answered additional questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Hardy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thomas absent for the vote.

Chair Eastman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 4, but Thursday's meeting will be canceled.

Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

Sen. Dan Eastman, Co-Chair